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SUBJECT: EXPORT LICENSES - STANKI (PRATT AND WHITNEY)

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REF: NILES-RICE TELECON, APRIL 30

1. FOLLOWING REF TEOECON, COMMATT CONTACTED STANKOIMPORT (IGNAT'YEV) REGARDING STORAGE OF PRATT AND WHITNEY MACHINES. ALTHOUGH IGNAT'YEV INITIALLY INSISTED THAT MACHINES SHOULD BE STORED IN MOSCOW, AS HE CLAIMED WAS SPECIFIED IN CONTRACT WITH PRATT AND WHITNEY, HE IMPLIED THAT STANKO-IMPORT'S BASIC CONCERN WAS THAT MACHINES MIGHT SUFFER SOME DAMAGE DURING SHIPMENT TO HELSINKI AND BACK TO MOSCOW. ALTHOUGH IGNAT'YEV DID NOT RPT NOT STATE THAT STORAGE IN HELSINKI WOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS BREACH OF CONTRACT BY STANKOIMPORT IF SOMEONE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFE DELIVERY OF MACHINES BACK TO STANKOIMPORT, HE IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE.

2. SUGGEST THAT PIGGOT CONTACT BROATCH OF PRATT AND WHITNEY TO CLARIFY COMPANY'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS VIS-A-VIS STANKO-IMPORT. IF, AS STANKOIMPORT CLAIMS, PRATT AND WHITNEY HAS UNDERTAKEN TO STORE MACINES IN MOSCOW FOR 60-DAY PERIOD PENDING ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, COMMERCE AND PRATT AND WHITNEY SHOJLD AGREE AS TO WHICH PARTY BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELIVERING MACHINES TO STANKOIMPORT IN GOOD CONDITION.

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3. THIS CASE HAS RAISED ADDITIONAL SENSITIVITIES ON PART OF STANKOIMPORT, AS EVIDENCED BY IGNAT'YEV'S CLAIM THAT OUR POSITION ON STORAGE IN HELSINKI VICE MOSCOW REPRESENTS "LACK OF TRUST" BY US AUTHORITIES IN STANKOIMPORT. IF, AT THIS LATE HOUR, EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE FOR STORAGE OF MACHINES IN CUSTOMS-BONDED WAREHOUSE IN MOSCOW, WOULD THIS SATISFY US REQUIREMENTS? (COMMENT: EMBASSY RECALLS THAT IBM 360/40 FROM 1971 SYSTEMOTEKNIKA EXHIBIT WAS HANDLED IN THIS FASHION. END COMMENT).

4. ALL SOVIET OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MAY 1, 2, 3, AND 4, BUT WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS SUNDAY, MAY 5. STORAGE QUESTION MUST BE RESOLVED MAY 5 AS TRUCK SCHEDULED LEAVE FOR HELSINKI THAT DAY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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